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## REPORT

### To Our Reader - Owners

#### NO CLASS WAR?

A friend said the other day that one of the faults of East Bay Labor Journal is that it proceeds too much on the assumption that there is a necessary and inevitable conflict between rich and poor, a class war, in short.

He suggested that we should use better salesmanship methods, better public relations techniques, and make a more effective appeal to all groups in our American society.

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#### OPTIMIST'S VIEW

The labor movement has grown to the point that it has removed some of the worst of the old inequities, certainly; in this country, at least, it is no more, in our economic and political struggle, a war between the desperately poor and the scandalously rich that dominates our thinking.

An optimist might even go so far as to say that it is now a struggle between the well off and the less well off. And it is to be observed that labor people, in advocating more housing construction, speak often of the needs of the "middle income group."

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#### MORE VS. LESS

So maybe now it's not a war between the Haves and Have-nots, but between the Have-more and the Have-less. Yet on the whole the war is there, a great reality. The Have-more people wish on the whole to keep what proportion of the national income they've got and to prevent the Have-less people from getting more, and there's mighty little use in blinking it. And some of the Have-more folk do have a mighty lot more, and some of the Have-less people do have a great deal less.

Within the labor movement itself, there is some conflict between the Have-more and the Have-less trades; many of our better paid craftsmen care very little what happens to the miserably paid farm laborers, for instance. The labor movement itself is a pretty loose confederation of various groups working within the still looser confederation of what may well be called the Less-reactionary political party against the More-reactionary political party.

Yet the struggle is real. And to put it mildly, the vast majority of the very rich are not our side!

**FIRST TEST CASE** of hot cargo provisions in new Labor Act started in S. F. Federal Court this week as NLRB local officials asked an injunction against the striking Lithographers. The action was filed on instructions from the D. C. board.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

## Building trade work prospects are rated poor

No matter how rosy the financial pages of the daily papers paint the business future in general, things don't look rosy for the building industry, the last meeting of the Building Trades Council was told by Business Representative J. L. Childers.

He said that the plain and painful facts are that the industry has been in a nosedive since July, that indications are there will be a good deal of unemployment next year, with some chance of a pickup coming only about the middle of 1960, or possibly as late as into 1961.

Childers feels that the tight money policy of the Eisenhower Administration is primarily responsible for the situation.

#### PAINTER'S CAMPAIGN

J. S. Miller, Painters 127, reported that the Painters District Council is making vigorous protests to the Board of Supervisors against the way employees of the county take work away from the painters by going out Saturdays and Sundays and doing work as painters.

Marvin Edwards of the same local said that two painters employed by the county are carrying on an active part time business as contractors.

Miller and Edwards said that so far the organized painters are the only ones carrying on the fight against these practices, but that surely all the crafts should get busy on this, as there is no sound reason why men who are already working regular time for the county should go out and take jobs away from men on the outside.

#### UC DISABILITY PAY

Childers said that he had conferred with C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California Labor Federation, who is a member of the Board of Regents, on the negotiations with the university about disability insurance pay for building craftsmen employed by the university.

Haggerty told him that the board had postponed a commitment.

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## Steamfitters 342 will elect Sunday, Dec. 13th

Steamfitters 342 will elect officers this Sunday, December 13, the polls being open in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Business Manager James Martin announces.

#### JOURNAL'S CHRISTMAS ISSUES DEC. 11 AND 18

East Bay Labor Journal extends Christmas greetings to the community in which it has played a civic role for over three decades, and especially wishes to express appreciation for those who have made possible the special Christmas editions of this week and the next.

#### HOURLY PAY PER MONTH TO STEEL STRIKE FUND

The AFLCIO in September asked every member of every affiliated union to contribute one hour's pay per month for the duration, to the Steel Strike Fund. President Meany says that the need for this fund is still more urgent now, so that the strike can be continued if necessary after the January 25 ending of the period of T-H enforced labor.

Send your checks to your international union office, made out to AFLCIO Strike Fund; or to your local union office; or pay the cash to your local union office, getting a receipt indicating that the payment is for the Steel Strike Fund.

## Groucho Marx and Mississippi sneer at steel strikers

At date of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal, the striking steel workers have 46 days more of enforced labor under the Taft-Hartley Act before, on January 26, their term in the slave labor pens is ended.

So Senator Stennis of Mississippi, fearing that the workers might go on strike again when that date is reached, announced on a radio program that he thought it would be a good idea to extend the period of enforced labor six months or more.

And on top of that, Bill Zubiate of Paint Makers 1101, was startled and shocked when watching the Jack Paar program

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## Laundry Workers get pay increase in two-year pact

Laundry Workers Local 2 at a special meeting in Oakland auditorium voted to accept terms of the two-year contract offered by the Laundry Owners Association, and also voted to raise their dues a dollar per month.

The new agreement provides for a 25-cent hourly raise for the men and a 12½-cent raise for the women, effective December 1; and for a 10-cent across the board boost on December 1, 1960. Negotiations had been under way for some time.

Under the scale set for the first year distributors will get \$1.58 per hour; skirt girls \$1.51½, garment pressers and folders, \$1.44½ and feeders \$1.43½. The contract covers about 1000 workers.

Walter East of Local 2 and Russ Crowell of the Cleaners local an international vice president of the Laundry and Cleaners International Union, were active in the negotiations, as Eddie Maney was ill in hospital. Crowell is president of the Central Labor Council.

Crowell addressed the meeting at the auditorium and made an inspiring speech, said Millie Castelluccio. She said that officers of the union are very grateful to Crowell for the assistance he gave them.

**ARTHUR HELLENDER** as chairman of a division of the Federation of Community Services has appointed Miss Carol W. Wilson to supply information to people seeking assistance in problems related to health, welfare, and recreation in this area.

## Pabco decision to be appealed to Washington

Steel Machinists Local 1304 is appealing to the National Labor Relations Board in Washington from the recommendation of Trial Examiner Howard Myers that the charges filed against the Pabco plant management in Emeryville be dismissed. Myers in his report to the board in Washington found the company not guilty of an unfair labor practice complaint.

Local 1304 contends the company violated the law by contracting out work to a maintenance firm employing workers other than members of Local 1304 while a contract of many years standing between the company and Local 1304 was still in effect.

Jay Darwin, attorney for the union, produced evidence at the hearing before Myers that contractual relations between the company and the union had existed since 1937, and produced the letters concerning annual negotiations exchanged between company and union since 1951. These letters followed a regular

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## Plumbers 444 election this Saturday, Dec. 12th

Plumbers & Gas Fitters 444 will elect officers Saturday, December 12, with voting machines for the polls open from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in Hall C of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Business Manager Ben Beynon announces.



CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT Law was a key topic at nine-State civil rights conference at Monterey, sponsored by West Coast region of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Representatives of labor, religious, civic, and governmental bodies were among the 400 delegates. Left to right are: William Becker Jewish Labor Committee representative in San Francisco; Assistant Director Theodore E. Brown of the AFLCIO Department of Civil Rights; California FEP Commissioner C. L. Dellums, who is a delegate to the Alameda County Central Labor Council from the Brotherhood of Railway Porters; Albin J. Gruhn, chairman of the California State AFLCIO Civil Rights Committee; and Vice President William Pollard of the L. A. AFLCIO.



# HOW TO BUY

**Your safety is at stake**

By SIDNEY MARGOLIS

Consumer Expert for East Bay Labor Journal

Your family's health is at stake in the investigations of the Food and Drug Administration threatened by several Congressmen, and in the attacks on the agency by food and chemical-industry spokesmen because of the recent cranberry controversy.

By now there are increasing supplies of tested and approved cranberries on sale, so there will be plenty for Christmas dinner. No doubt you've already seen containers in stores labeled as having been "tested and passed" or "certified as safe."

Even the growers themselves now admit, through their spokesmen, that the Food & Drug Administration warning against tainted cranberries was justified, and the agency's plan for testing and clearing safe cranberries was fair.

But the chemical industry, which apparently was the real culprit, has been irked, as indicated by recent editorials in chemical and food - industry trade publications. While the growers and food distributors were the ones financially injured by the careless use of the weed-killers, it was the chemical manufacturers who seem to have given the farmers bad advice on their use.

If the Food & Drug Administration is weakened by industry or Congressional attacks, your own protection against adulterated foods and dangerous cosmetics and drugs also is weakened.

The purity of the foods you eat is controlled by Federal law. The law says that an agricultural commodity is "adulterated" if it bears or contains a pesticide which is "unsafe". Chemicals found to induce cancer in test animals are considered by the law to be unsafe. The weed-kill-

ing chemical "amitrol" had been widely used on the 1957 cranberry crop and again on the 1959 crop. That's why the U. S. Secretary of Health, Education & Welfare issued the now-famous warning that part of the cranberry crop was unsafe.

It's especially important for us consumers to know that the industry's own self-policing program, which was supposed to guard against tainted cranberries, didn't work. The Government did have to step in to protect the public.

The F. D. A., the food industry and local health authorities worked quickly to make available safe cranberries for holiday dinners. By Thanksgiving, reports James L. Trawick, F. D. A.'s deputy information director, over 16 million pounds had been tested and approved by the agency itself, plus those checked and cleared by local health departments and private labs.

The food and drug laws do much to guard us from dangerous products beyond the problem of chemicals used in food production and processing. One of the most important activities of the F. D. A. is protecting the women in your family against dangerous cosmetics.

Apparently you can't depend on even well-known manufacturers to take sufficient precautions on their own account. For example, Richard Hudnut recently brought out their "Fashion Quick" Salon-Tested permanent wave kit. Well, maybe it was "salon-tested", whatever that means, but it certainly wasn't sufficiently consumer-tested. After the kit went on sale the Hudnut people learned that if the neutralizer gets into the eyes of the user, it can cause a serious irritation for days. The Hudnut Company sent out a warning this past September against the use of that neutralizer, and replaced it with another, safer neutralizing solution.

But because the first warning didn't get much publicity, the F. D. A. stepped in and sent out another warning.

The wave kit in question is Hudnut's "Fashion Quick", not the Hudnut kit simply called "Quick". The new and safe neutralizer in the "Fashion Quick" kit has black lettering on the bottle. The unsafe one has pink lettering. Look for this difference if you buy this kit, or if you already have one at home.

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## To the Ladies:

## FROM the EDITOR

CRANBERRIES got the headlines, and the Food & Drug Administration got the blames in many of those headlines for daring to imply that there might be danger in eating the pleasant fruit at Thanksgiving.

But the Machinist, weekly publication of the International Association of Machinists, took the right attitude when it said that the Government shouldn't be blamed for showing vigilance in such matters, but should be blamed, rather, for not showing more.

THERE'S NO LIMIT that we know of to what some people will do to make an extra dollar, or even an extra penny. In these days of mass food supply, mass drug supply, we need a very vigilant Government agency to protect us.

You can be pretty sure that the Eisenhower Administration, dominated by the big industrial, commercial, and financial interests, isn't going to over-encourage the Food and Drug Administration to be vigilant.

But eternal vigilance is not only the price of liberty, it's the price of health.

A PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER of the Government was trounced by the tobacco interests not long since for calling attention to what evidence there is that cigarettes tend to cause lung cancer. The tobacco industry is a big one, and the incomes of many people depend on it. Probably even some of the unionized workers in that industry get sore when they hear about scientists who obstinately print their finding about lung cancer.

The fact remains that the public's diet and the public's health are best served by outspokenness, and not by hush-hush, even if the outspokeners sometimes make a blunder. For one blunder that is made by the outspoken folk, a thousand are made by the hush-hushers.

## Don't buy Wilson meats!

If the household shopper buys any meat product bearing the brand name of the Wilson Company such a purchase is helping a big company in its efforts to break up a union.

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## Squeezing does not prove case

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But storage at zero or below is needed to maintain the original quality of the food, scientists of the Department of Agriculture Research Service report.

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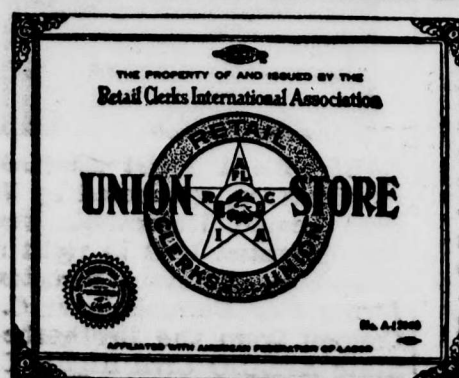
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## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

CELERY is the accompaniment of so many meals in the winter season, and we take it so much for granted that it is difficult to realize what a relative newcomer it is to our tables.

It has only been produced commercially for less than a century, and has been in use in this country only since 1874, when a group of Dutch settlers in Michigan brought it with them from Holland.

They used to sell it to the Michigan Central Railway and to its passengers along the route, and only later was it available all over the country.

Perhaps tucked away in some dim corner you still have your grandmother's "celery glass", a tall handsome vase-like container in which the delicately blanched stalks of celery were stood, gracing many a table in those days.

There was current, too, the old joke about the stage "Irishman" who exclaimed, in astonishment: "Why, they're eating the bouquet."

Now we used it cooked and raw, in stuffings, soups, and in many dishes, and when we serve it "as is" it is lying flat on a plate, but still the favorite it always was.

Homer mentions it in the "Odyssey" and in the ninth century there was mention of it in a French poem, and it seems strange that a vegetable known so long in Europe was so late in coming to us.

In spite of all this, modern nutritionists don't give it much. It is great for the dieter of course, for it provides bulk without calories. But neither does it have anything but a trace of other food properties, a little, but very little, vitamin C, and scarcely any of the other vitamins or minerals.

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## Contamination of crops is disease cause, say union

A demand has been made by District 4 of the United Packinghouse Workers of America for action at the Federal and State level requiring that toilet facilities be provided at all farm locations where produce is being packed for shipment to the consuming public. The Packinghouse Workers Union, which represents employees in 200 packing sheds handling produce, charged that public health is seriously endangered by the almost total absence of toilet facilities in agricultural field packing operations throughout the state.

Joe Ollman, director, District 4 Council, said:

"California producers grow and ship more than 50% of the total national production in 23 agricultural crops which go directly from the field to the retail outlets. More than one hundred thousand people are involved in the harvesting of these commodities. There is no law on the statute books of California or the nation which requires that toilet facilities be provided for these workers. The result is that there is wholesale contamination of raw vegetables and fruit before they reach the consumer's table. This outrageous condition is undoubtedly the cause of the great increase in gastroenteric disease which in California ranks second as a cause of illness."

Ollman said that his organization called upon the California State Department of Public Health to sponsor such legislation in the next session of the State Legislature. He said that the State of Oregon had passed legislation to that effect this year and that similar legislation would undoubtedly come before the next session of the California Legislature.

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## 'Right to work' snake uprears fanged head in State for 1960 election

Apparently spurred on by the taste of blood with the passage of the Landrum-Griffin bill by Congress this year, the Citizens Committee for Voluntary Unionism is shifting its drive for a so-called "right to work" law back into the legislative arena in Sacramento.

The "voluntary unionism" committee was one of the sponsors of Proposition 18, rejected by the voters in the 1958 general election.

Robert Tevlin, executive secretary of the committee, said in a recent "dear co-worker" letter: "We are organizing county committees who will be politically active throughout the county on a non-partisan basis to elect to the state legislature men who will protect their future security through proper labor legislation—namely, voluntary unionism."

The "open shop" executive secretary told his co-workers, "If a candidate for Assemblyman refuses to do this, deny him your support, be he Republican or Democrat." — California Labor Federation.

## Transit will hire Key's bus drivers

The following press release was issued by the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District:

More than 1,500 bus drivers, mechanics, clerks and other workers employed by Key System will be offered jobs by the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District when the public agency goes into operation.

Transit directors have adopted a personnel policy that assures most of Key System's workers their present jobs when the district takes over operation from the private carrier next summer.

William J. Bettencourt, chairman of the board's administration committee which made the recommendation, said that the policy-making executives of Key System are not included.

"It is not our intention to hire the policy-makers of Key," he said. These include the president, controller and the vice president and treasurer.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

## Hanna Boys Town has had much help from AFLCIO throughout its 10 years

The recent observance of the tenth anniversary of California's "Boys Town" has brought an expression of appreciation to AFLCIO members in this state from the Director of Hanna Boys' Center near Sonoma.

Rt. Rev. William L. O'Connor, who directs the haven for homeless youngsters of all races and creeds, pointed out that the great early successes of the program are due in large part to the contributions of labor and money by AFLCIO members.

Three of Hanna Center's dormitory-cottages, housing 63 boys, were built by donated labor from the AFLCIO, and at the present time, union members are serving as his advisors on ways and means of properly expanding and equipping the Home's new Trade School.

The Director expressed the belief that all of his young charges can be led toward respectful, productive citizenship through knowledge of an honorable and useful skill. The home has been built and maintained entirely by voluntary contributions and bequests.

## Bright's Food is struck by workers

Cannery Workers 748 of Modesto call attention to the fact that the workers at the Bright's Food plant in Turlock are on strike against substandard wages, as much as 60 cents an hour under the wages paid by competing frozen food establishments.

The union's circular says that frozen meat and fruit pies under the label of Libby, McNeil & Libby, Morton's, Springfield, and Frigid Dough have been manufactured at Bright's Food.

## Limiting acreage called Socialism

California organized labor's insistence that limitation of acreage under the State Water Plan be written into law before the bond election in 1960 was denounced as "Socialism" by the president of the State Chamber of Commerce, E. R. Valentine, at a meeting of that organization held in Los Angeles.

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## Public workers in California denied unionists' rights

Pointing out that the right to organize and to bargain collectively has been extended to public workers in at least fourteen states and a number of major cities, the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO, urged the Assembly Interim Committee on Industrial relations to recommend similar actions by the California legislature and the Congress.

The Federation statement was submitted by Secretary-Treasurer C. J. Haggerty. It noted that more than one out of every six non-farm workers in the state are government employees.

"It is our earnest belief," Haggerty declared, "that the enactment of such state and federal legislation would result in increased efficiency, more economical administration of government, improved morale, better working conditions and standards, recruitment of better qualified civil servants, and the extension of truly fair and democratic treatment to our loyal and devoted government employees." — California Labor Federation.

JAMES R. HOFFA and other high officials of the Teamsters are the subject of a new Grand Jury probe launched in Washington this week by attorneys for the Justice Department.

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## Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

A week end in the Clink, can make us think. But that spray job for lice, wasn't nice.

The District Court turned our appeal down, so we were compelled to pay our debt to Society. Three days in the County Clink. That's on the tenth floor of the Courthouse.

Our experience was educational to the extent that we learned Alameda County has a penthouse pen. Our weekend Pen Pals informed us there are three Tanks in the Courthouse, for varying degree of criminals. The one we were in sheltered Narcotic Addicts, Armed Robbers, Forgers, Burglars, and Alimony Defaulters. Our own crime of Contempt didn't seem worth the bother. But Pabco demanded justice and the Judge deemed it just to jug us.

We had two meals a day. Soggy eggs and potatoes for breakfast, served in a tin pan rectangular shaped to fit through the bars. For dinner we had navy beans and red beans, boiled together with pieces of fat, which, when served in those tin pans, looked like vomit. We ate them.

All night, tortured intestines created a discordant symphony of ugly explosions.

The fortunate prisoners who escaped gas problems, snored.

We were released Sunday morning, and find that nothing is changed.

We still have contempt for injunctions issued by anti-Labor Judges.

If a Company locks us out, we'll still protest.

If scabs cross our picket lines, we'll still object.

Okay, we lost a weekend. But all it proves, is those law leeches need us criminals more than we need them.

Merry Christmas.

## Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

The business office wishes to remind you that the general election of officers will be held this coming Sunday, December 13. Voting will be held in Hall "D" of the Labor Temple. The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please bring your dues book with you.

For those members now working in the jurisdiction of a sister local union on a travel card, Section 169 (d) of the United Association Constitution provides: "When a member deposits his travel card in a sister local union, he shall continue to pay all his regular dues and assessments to the local union in which he holds membership, and shall retain all rights and privileges of membership in his home local union". In lieu of the above all traveling members of this union may vote. Installation of officers will be held Thursday, January 7, 1960 and arrangements are being made to honor this union's old time members. A buffet dinner and refreshments will be served.

In conclusion, a short membership meeting will be held Sunday, December 13, convening at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

The steelworkers are back to work but we are convinced it is only a temporary stopgap and they will again soon be out on the street walking the picket line. We mention this because we have started receiving a few donations for the steelworkers and we would like to see more of our members making a one-hour's-pay-per-month contribution, as requested by the AFL-CIO. Our Local adopted the resolution approving this request and we hope that by our mentioning

it more of our members will make this voluntary contribution.

We have notified the two crystal and dial refinishing shops of the Union's desire to improve our agreement which expires on December 31, 1959.

Also, by the time you read this column, those of you who are covered by insurance will have received a letter from the Union notifying you of the change in the insurance program. Additional costs, if any, are made clear in the letter you receive.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board will meet as usual on Thursday, December 17, at the Union office.

## 'Tolerances' on fresh meats may gyp the consumer

Consumers who buy meats at self-service counters are facing a multi-million dollar gouge under mounting pressure by large retail food chains to permit weight tolerances on fresh packaged meats.

The State Department of Agriculture is showing evidence of weakening under the pressure.

Under a bill passed by the 1957 state legislature, the Department has scheduled hearings for December 15-17 in Sacramento for the establishment of weight tolerances for "packaged and processed foods". An item has been added to the agenda to consider the possibility of extending the tolerances to fresh meats.

The California Labor Federation and the Butchers have been fighting to protect consumers. The issue boils down to this:

A pound of fresh packaged meat loses as much as an ounce of weight over a day or two of being packaged in the self-service counter. The lost weight is absorbed in the blotter under the meat. If tolerances are allowed, the pricing can be made at the time of packaging, and the consumer has to absorb the lost weight through his pocketbook when he buys the meat a few days later.

Max J. Osslo, a Federation Veep and President of the Western Federation of Butchers of California, estimates that fresh meat tolerances would cost the consumers of San Diego alone in the neighborhood of \$2 million or more a year. Statewide, the gouge would be many times this figure. — California Labor Federation.

## Labor calls rally in D. C. to stave off tougher laws

WASHINGTON — A two-pronged legislative program — geared to winning congressional enactment of "enlightened public-interest legislation" and to heading off passage of further "unfair, restrictive" labor measures—will be hammered out by the AFLCIO during a three-day legislative conference January 11-13, 1960.

Organized labor's pledge to wage a vigorous fight for passage of "a positive program for America" was contained in a formal conference call issued by AFLCIO President George Meany and Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler. It went out to the officers of national and international unions, state bodies, larger city central bodies, and directly affiliated unions.

The conference, to be held in Washington's Willard Hotel, will be used for the twin purpose of advising Congress of labor's program and hearing from congressional leaders of their plans for the second session of the 86th Congress. The leaders of both houses of Congress and both political parties have been invited to address the session.

The conference call warned that, during 1960, "labor will again have to be on guard against those who would shackle the trade union movement with unfair, restrictive laws even worse than the labor law" rammed through Congress this year by a coalition of reactionary Republicans and southern Democrats.

"This time," Meany and Schnitzler wrote to leaders of affiliated bodies, "the historic steel strike will be used by the anti-labor forces as a pretext to foist upon us measures that would destroy the system of free collective bargaining which has been so good for all America." — AFLCIO News.

## Union reports deadline date is Monday, Dec. 14th

Deadline postmark date for organization reports of unions under new Labor Act is next Monday, December 14; must be addressed to Commissioner, Bureau of Labor-Management Reports, Department of Labor, Washington 25, D. C. Information TWIn-oaks 3-3595.

## PLUMBERS UNION ELECTION, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1959

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## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 15.

Fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Monday night December the 21st a special meeting is being called to discuss and vote on two pertinent subjects, of much importance.

One subject refers to the payment of an increase in dues now being held in abeyance, and the other one is to retain the present premium price of our group insurance policy by a new company; or continue with the present company at an increase in the price of the premium.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 36

Friday, December 11, will be the second of our only two regular meetings during December, 1959.

On December 18, 1959, all carpenters and their families are invited to attend a joint Carpenters 36 and Ladies Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th Street, Oakland, California.

Our regular meeting of the educational committee will be postponed for the month of December, 1959.

There will be no meeting during the holiday period on December 25, 1959, and January 1st, 1960.

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1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., December 29, 1959—Room 102, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

This meeting will be for all members.

To be eligible to vote, a member must have his dues paid up through the month in which the elections are held.

To be eligible for office, members must be in continuous good standing for a period of two years prior to elections.

Copies of the rules governing the elections are available at the local union office.

Fraternally yours,  
JOE B. WANGBERG,  
President  
LES BENHAM,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Business Representative

## PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

ELECTION NOTICE: To all members of U. A. Local No. 444: You are hereby notified that Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will hold its December meeting and regular two-year election of officers for the years of 1960 and 1961 on Saturday, December 12, 1959 in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m. sharp in Hall A on the first floor. The election will be held for voting in Hall C on the first floor with polls open from 8:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m.

This is the first time our election has been held in the daytime which makes it possible that every member will be able to vote so sometime during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is also our first experience in using the voting machines and we are sure none of you will want to miss this opportunity. Please do not let anything keep you away from this new experience of voting machines in operation in your behalf.

The election will be held in accordance with the constitution of the United Association, bylaws of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 and any portion effecting the rights of the membership becoming effective prior to midnight Saturday, December 12, 1959 of the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, known as Public Law 86-257.

Fraternally,  
BEN H. BEYNON,  
Bus. Mgr. and  
Fin. Sec. Treas.

## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

## MILLMEN 550

Due to the holidays, no meeting of this local union will be held until January 15, 1960.

Fraternally,  
GEORGE WHITE,  
President  
JACK ARCHIBALD,  
Recording Secretary

## STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, December 17, 1959, at 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

We still need to nominate two welfare committeemen and to elect a law and legislative committeeman, and a COPE delegate.

Fraternally yours,  
DAVE ARCA,  
Recording Secretary

## CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

The next regular meeting of Clerks and Lumber Handlers Local 939 will be held on Friday, December 11, 1959. This will be the only meeting in December, due to the Christmas Holiday.

Fraternally yours,  
A. R. ESTES,  
Recording Secretary

## PAINT MAKERS 1101

The next regular meeting of Paint Makers 1101 will be held Tuesday, December 15, at 8 p.m. in Hall C of the Labor Temple.

On the agenda is the election of a trustee for an 18-month term.

Fraternally,  
PETE CEREMELLO,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Everett Cover, member of Local No. 216, has notified us that he is in need of blood donors. Transfusions were received at Alameda Hospital, Alameda. Mr. Cover is now at home at 2110 Santa Clara Ave., Apt. 201, Alameda.

Members who can donate blood should contact the Alameda County Blood Bank at 5230 Claremont Ave., Oakland, phone OLYmpic 4-2924.

Yours fraternally,  
LLOYD CHILD,  
Business Manager

## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The Friday, December 11 meeting has been canceled. The change became necessary due to the halls being rented for Christmas parties.

The annual Childrens Christmas party will be held Saturday, December 19. Watch for details in a future issue.

IMPORTANT: Those who have not made application for the 1958 Carpenters vacation pay should contact the office at once as the time is soon running out. Leaving it to next year may cause difficulties for both the member, the Local office and the Vacation Fund office.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL,  
Recording Secretary

## STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Registrations of officers for the years 1960-61 were opened at the membership meeting held October 15. The first reading of registrants was held at our membership meeting November 5, 1959.

Registrations were closed on November 12, 1959 at 9:00 p.m.

The election will be held on Sunday, December 13, 1959 in Hall "D" of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The election will be held in accordance with the bylaws of this Union, the United Association constitution and the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959.

Fraternally yours,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Financial Secretary and  
Business Manager

## PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The next meeting of your local will be December 10, 1959. This will be the last meeting of the year. It is a little early for Christmas cheer but who knows, the entertainment committee may surprise you. Hope to see a few members down for the last meeting.

Fraternally yours,  
ED GULBRANSEN  
Recording Secretary

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

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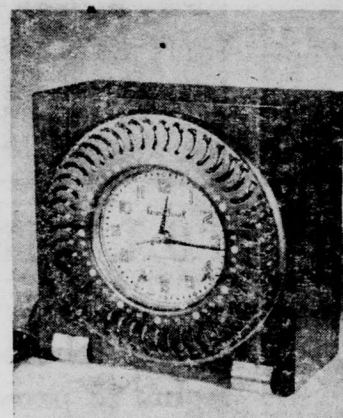
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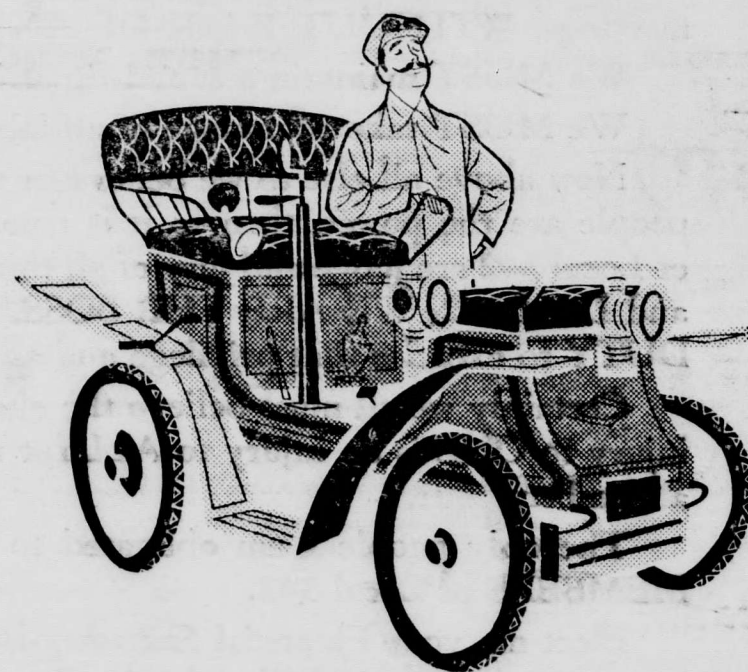
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## AFLCIO complains about brushoff by U. S. board

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Associate General Counsel Thomas E. Harris charged that the FCC's refusal to move against Stations WTTG in Washington and WNEW in New York was another example of the commission's "traditional see-no-evil, hear-no-evil, speak-no-evil approach to the broadcasting industry." — AFLCIO News.

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## Way tough labor law helps rackets told by analyst

A. H. Raskin, crack labor reporter for the New York Times, reports the "ironic" possibility that the new law "will prove a legal umbrella for hoodlum-infested 'paper' unions."

The new law, Raskin explained, "prohibits picketing for union recognition where an employer has lawfully entered into an agreement with another union. This provides a strong incentive for deals by unscrupulous employers and racketeers who go into the 'union business' by the simple expedient of printing a fistful of independent charters."

Another "irony" cited by Raskin is the general expectation that "the law will not curb the organization Congress was primarily interested in checking—Hoffa's Teamsters," because of "the truck union's economic muscle."

Similarly, the Washington staff of the Scripps-Howard papers now report that the new law gives the Teamsters the "chance to achieve Jimmy Hoffa's fondest wish: A Supreme Court order ridding him of tough, court-imposed monitor control. They'll argue Congress now sets clear rules for union conduct and they'll be happy to comply."—Labor

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December 13th WE members will decide whether you want FAIRNESS for ALL or just for the minority.

The decision is in your capable hands.

Now is the time for us to show our UNITY of purpose that we believe

in our labor, that we believe ALL MEMBERS shall have equal rights to prove their skills, on the JOB.

That as long as ONE MEMBER is without work, we are obliged to make every effort to find work for him. Therein lies PEACE and HARMONY within ourselves, within our Local Union.

Therefore it follows ALL MEMBERS of Local 342 MUST HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS in all things pertaining to Local 342.

We MUST have equal job dispatching and opportunity of advancement if so desired.

We MUST have freedom of speech on the job and at our meetings, WITHOUT FEAR OF ANY KIND.

We MUST maintain a sound financial position at all times.

We MUST take advantage of all labor laws, not fear them.

Now above all else as we believe in our great Nation, that the people are the power, then so it is true, that we the MEMBERS of Local 342 are judge and jury of all things pertaining to ourselves and Local 342. WE ARE THE BOSS. As such, it is our solemn DUTY to exercise that privilege and attend our meetings.

Certainly we all must believe the above, because we realize an injury to ONE is an injury to ALL for not to believe is not to be a member.

The only people I am obligated to in any way are ALL the MEMBERS of Local 342.

Elect me your Financial Secretary-Business Manager and with your cooperation we shall make the above hold true.

As To Experience:

I have served you as Vice-President 1941, Business Representative 1942-43, Business Manager 1945, as Secretary-Treasurer, Alameda County Building Trades, Delegate to Contra Costa Building Trades, Central Labor Council, San Francisco Metal Trades Council also hold certificate in Labor-Management relations.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

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# Support the Steel Workers!

## And the Railroad Workers Too!

### A Crisis for All Labor

The Steel Strike has been temporarily sidetracked by President Eisenhower's Taft-Hartley injunction. The union has to preserve its right to represent its members in bargaining on conditions of work (working rules).

Why are the steel corporations, after grabbing the richest profits the industry has ever produced, so dead set against bargaining on working rules? Why is this year different . . . after 20 years of bargaining with the union?

Why are the nation's railroads forcing their workers into a "strike or else" position over working rules?

The reasons are important to all workers . . . they represent a crisis for all labor.

#### AUTOMATION AND JOBS

Automation will make its big leap ahead during the next 10 years according to writers for the Wall Street Journal. It has already made large advances in many industries, eliminating thousands of jobs.

The corporations want to eliminate jobs, change classifications, write new classifications and rates, **without interference from the workers or their union.**

The corporations want a free hand to grab every extra penny of profit resulting from automation and let their workers go to hell!

The Steelworkers Union won't betray its members!

The corporations must deal with their workers through the unions on all changes, not to stop automation but to share the benefits with the people who made the industry.

#### BIGGER TROUBLE AHEAD!

The Railroad workers may be forced to strike soon over these same issues.

Several nationwide agreements with major auto, aircraft and electrical manufacturing corporations come up for negotiation in a few months. The leaders of these unions are reported to have pledged a united battle on the working rules issue.

An AFL-CIO strike fund is being collected now to help the Steel workers and give backing to other unions that are forced to strike over working rules.

If the Steelworkers win, all labor will benefit. If not . . . all hell will break loose. No self-respecting man or woman will want to work under the iron heel.

Our unions have grown strong, we have won respect, we have raised standards of labor to the best in the world, we have spearheaded the great social improvements in the past 25 years, and we plan to protect the interests of labor as automation advances.

All union members and their friends should do all in their power to help the Steelworkers win. The time to start is now! And the first thing you can do is donate an hours pay to the AFL-CIO Strike Fund.

### AN APPEAL

#### To All Members Millmen's Local 550

The last regular meeting of Local 550 voted to make this public appeal to all members . . . **DONATE AN HOURS PAY TO THE STEELWORKERS' STRIKE NOW** and each month thereafter until this crisis has passed!

A defeat for the steelworkers will certainly have an adverse effect on our own negotiations which are but a few months away. Many of the fundamental issues involved in the Steel Strike are similar to the issues that we face in our negotiations.

We are sending this appeal to you by newspaper ad instead of a letter in order to bring the importance of this message to the entire East Bay Labor Movement.

The issues effect the steelworkers, the issues effect our union, the issues effect **EVERY UNION . . . THE WHOLE LABOR MOVEMENT MUST SUPPORT THE STEEL STRIKE!**

Donations may be mailed to the Union Office with your dues, or bring your donation to the office. Please designate the amount intended for the Steel Strike. Contributions will be forwarded to the proper agency of the AFL-CIO for the steelworkers.

Fraternally,

GEORGE WHITE, President  
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#### Improve Work Rules

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
(From Speech on Steel Strike)

"I submit that the central issue before the American people is . . . the modernization and, if you please, the improvement of those very rules to make possible a realization on the part of the worker of the true benefits of automation in our time. It is not less of what we have gained that you are entitled to, but more, for the fruits of science and technology belong to all men and not to those who represent the favored monopolistic few."

#### Issues Still Face Us!

DAVID J. McDONALD, Pres.  
UNITED STEELWORKERS  
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" . . . an injunction cannot alter the fact that the issues still must be confronted by the steel companies which forced this crisis upon the nation.

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## FEP chief tells how an early case was easily solved

Edward W. Howden, chief, the new Division of Fair Employment Practices of the State Government, says in the report to the Governor filed monthly by the Department of Industrial Relations:

The Commission's first case "success story" resulted from a complaint filed by a Negro applicant for a position as auto salesman in a Bay Area new-car agency.

The complainant stated that he was told by the company that he was well qualified but that he would have to work as an "outside" salesman rather than "on the floor."

The FEPC Commissioner to whom this case was assigned for investigation and a staff member promptly arranged a conference with the auto agency's executives.

In the course of this conference the company representatives insisted that their employment policy was nondiscriminatory but acknowledged that the complainant was probably better qualified than either of the two white applicants who were hired at the same time.

Finally, the sales manager—who had been out of town at the time of the alleged discrimination—made a specific offer to hire the complainant.

The case was subsequently closed as satisfactorily adjusted, on two grounds: the offer to hire and the strong commitment by the respondent company concerning its future observance of a consistent fair employment policy.

The complainant, who meanwhile had taken a more desirable job, expressed his warm appreciation of the handling and outcome of the case.

Not all cases, however, can be resolved in a single conference. Others currently under investigation are considerably more complex, time consuming, and difficult to decide.

## Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ash are proud grandparents

Mr. and Mrs. Don Judd of San Jose are the parents of a young man who has just arrived in the world, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Ash are very much interested and pleased, as Mrs. Judd is their daughter Barbara.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

## 2 phoney 'labor papers' operating in the State, says Labor Federation

The December 4 weekly news letter of the California Federation of Labor carried this announcement:

It has been called to our attention that the following phoney papers, claiming or implying official labor backing, are soliciting ads in California:

California Union Labor Journal, operating out of P. O. Box 542, San Francisco.

American Labor News, operating out of 3950 West 6th Street, Los Angeles.

## Steel Machinists to appeal ruling in the Pabco case

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pattern, he said, and urged that since this same pattern was followed this year, the company by suddenly announcing that as of August 1 the company had no more relations with the union committed an unfair labor practice.

Briefs are now being prepared by Darwin for the union, by the law firm of Brobeck Phleger & Harrison for Pabco, and by George E. Davis for the regional board here.

Dave Arca, recording secretary of Local 1304, served three days in the County Jail here, going in Friday, and coming out Sunday, on a contempt charge growing out of the picketing of the Pabco plant. Arca's account of the experience will be found on page 4 in the Steel Machinists 1304 column.

## Groucho Marx and Mississippi sneer

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Friday night of last week to hear Groucho Marx come on and make what Zubiate and other labor people hearing the program felt to be some very snide remarks by the famed comedian about the strikers.

Zubiate took notes on Groucho's remarks, and proposes to read it at labor meetings he attends. Other labor people also complained to East Bay Labor Journal about Groucho going out of his way to criticize the steel workers.

## Employment prospects are not rosy, BTC delegates are told

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tee meeting to consider the matter.

The business manager of the university, said Childers, is proposing that the craftsmen employed by the university give up the claim to fringe benefits in return for various benefits which the university business manager claims such workers get in UC employ.

Childers asked him to put his proposed formula in writing so that it could be studied in detail, but that offhand it looks as though the men would in effect be taking a cut of between \$400 and \$500 a year in pay if they accepted the formula.

### HOWARD CO. PACT

It was announced that the Howard Company, which had previously signed the old form of the contract with the council, has signed the newer and more effective form.

### PUBLIC HOUSING

A letter from Vice Mayor Rilea of Oakland asking Childers to serve on a committee to make a survey of the need for public housing in the entire city was received, and Childers will serve

on it. He served on a committee which previously examined only the possible need for public housing for persons losing their homes due to the clearance work connected with the Acorn project.

### DONATION QUESTION

Letters from Father Hanna's Boys Town and the City of Hope, requesting donations such as the council has made in the past, were read by BTC Secretary John Davy.

Owing to legal uncertainties created by the new Labor Act, letters will be sent explaining that it is impossible to make such contributions until the situation is clarified.

### UNITED CRUSADE

It was agreed that Childers would accept the request of the United Crusade that he serve another three-year term on the board of that civic agency.

### COPE MEETING JANUARY 12

The next meeting of COPE will be held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 12. Executive Committee at 7:00 p.m.

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## The Millmen urge labor to back steel strikers

Millmen's Local 550 takes up a full page in this issue of East Bay Labor Journal to call attention to the importance of the struggle now going on in the steel industry, and to urge that all labor people contribute to the AFLCIO-authorized fund for the support of the strikers' side in the controversy.

The officers of the Millmen feel that despite all the talk and type that has been spent on this struggle, labor people remain unarmed with detailed information on just what the issues are, and how important to all labor people they are. They also feel that, specifically, adjurations to labor people to contribute to the strike fund have been pretty vague, and no very effective machinery has been set up for getting those contributions sent.

The AFLCIO convention in San Francisco asked every trade unionist to contribute one hour's pay a month to the steel strike support fund. How many of us are making that contribution?

The steel companies are sending letters to the strikers who are now doing forced labor under the Taft-Hartley Act. They will steadily increase this pressure to persuade the workers to give up the strike when the "cooling off" period is over and to do tamely what their masters tell them to do.

If that happens, as the Millmen say, it's a disaster for all of us. So let's build that steel strike fund!

## 'Population explosion'

Whatever attitude is taken by citizens, religious groups, or statesmen toward the subject, there's going to be more and more discussion of the "population explosion," as many now call it.

The population of Europe from the 6th Century to 1800, was never greater than 180,000,000; between 1800 and 1914 the population of Europe rose to 460,000,000.

The world population is now 2½ billion; at the present rate of growth it would be 5 billion by the end of this century, and 10 billion by the year 2050.

In this country, our population has risen by more than 21 million during the years Mr. Eisenhower has been President.

Figures such as these will continue to be discussed.

## Slave labor preferred

The Citrograph, which rightly calls itself "the magazine of the citrus industry," insists in an editorial that California agriculture must continue to import 80,000 Mexican nationals a year, as domestic labor people "simply do not want this kind of work—work which is difficult and uncomfortable to perform and seasonal in nature."

More and more machinery, more and more managerial efficiency, is being put into the big farms and fruit projects of California, yet the insistence remains that the labor on these modernized mechanized projects must be the old-fashioned cheap labor, unorganized, living under "difficult and uncomfortable conditions."

Yes, slave labor has always appealed to big operators as cheaper and easier to handle than free labor!

## Scabs and strikers vote

The NLRB interprets the new Labor Act to authorize it to let "replaced employees and their replacements" both vote in a representation election, and whichever ballots are challenged are put aside and the board rules on what to do about it.

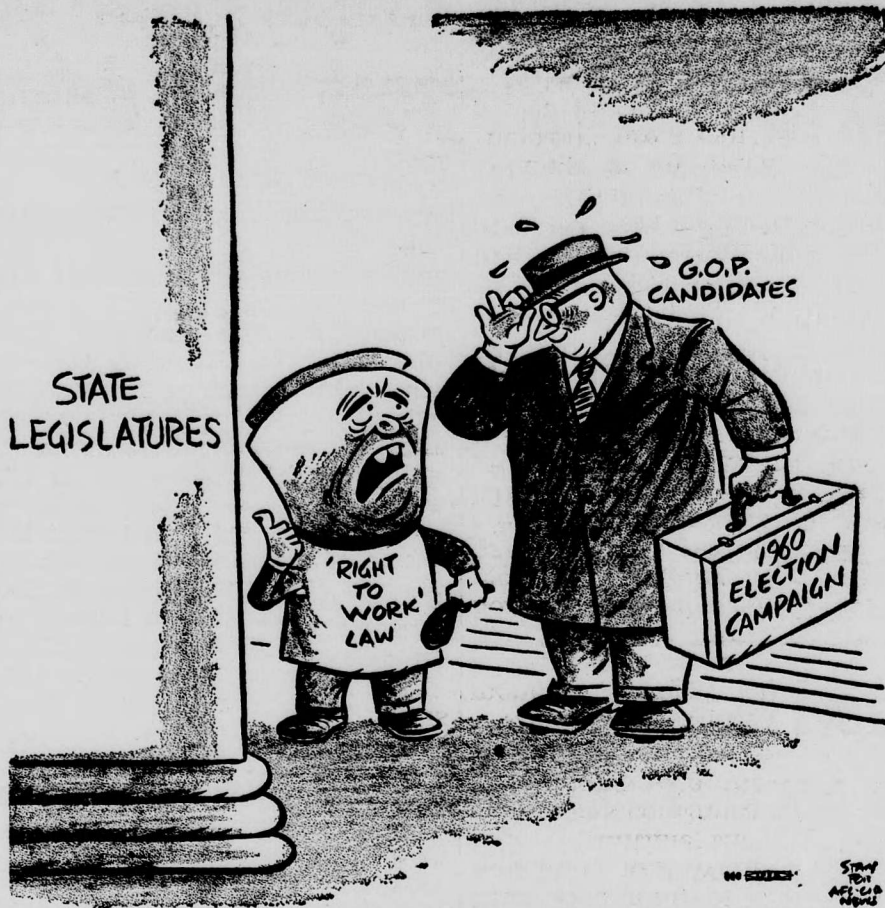
In other words, strikers and scabs can now both vote, instead of letting only the scabs vote as under the original Taft-Hartley Act. But we're very curious about whose votes are going to be challenged, and what the board will rule.

## Nicky, Rocky, which is what?

A 2200-word memorandum written by the late Senator Taft analyzing his loss of the GOP nomination to Mr. Eisenhower, attributing the Eisenhower victory to Wall Street backing and to a "tremendous publicity blitz" by most of the press.

It's being circulated at a time when it's realized that Nixon and Rockefeller may fight it out in the GOP convention. Is the idea that Nixon's a liberal, and Rockefeller a conservative?

OK, I'll Hide Out in Here!



## 2 MILLION AMERICANS DEPRIVED, NEGLECTED

**THE POSITION OF FARM WORKERS**, a report on their status under state and federal laws, has been released by the National Advisory Committee on Farm Labor, through its co-chairmen, Frank P. Graham and A. Philip Randolph. The report, compiled by Robin Myers, with the assistance of William Lineberry and Stuart Morrison, states:

"The most surprising way in which not only migratory but all farm workers appear to be discriminated against, in comparison with other workers in the United States, is in federal and state legislation that concerns them."

Some highlights of the report are:

**Minimum Wage** "Agricultural workers are specifically excluded from the wage and hour provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act."

**Unemployment Compensation** "Every state, except Hawaii (and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico), excludes farm labor from coverage under unemployment compensation laws."

**Workmen's Compensation** "Agriculture is the third most hazardous industry in the United States in terms of accidents to its participants . . . Only California, Hawaii, Ohio, (and Puerto Rico) have compulsory workmen's compensation for agricultural workers on the same basis as other workers."

**Collective Bargaining** "Farm labor is excluded from all federal legislation that protects the rights of workers in interstate commerce to organize and bargain collectively."

**Welfare** "Most states have assistance laws that discriminate against non-residents. Among those Americans who move every year are nearly a million farm workers who follow the crops."

**Voting** "One of the reasons that migrants do not enjoy the various benefits now accorded by law to most other workers is their lack of political influence . . . This results from many inter-locking factors. But it is

seen most directly in their inability to vote . . . Few migrants have the opportunity to fulfill the legal requirements of the home state for voters."

**Child Labor** "From 150,000 to 600,000 children of migrant agricultural workers suffer from all the disadvantages and disabilities that handicap the whole migrant community . . . Two aspects of the migrant situation particularly affect the children and their future. The first is the use of child workers, both legally and illegally. The second is the deprivation of such educational opportunities as would enable them to make their own lives an improvement over those of their parents."

In releasing the report, Dr. Graham and Mr. Randolph issued the following statement: "Approximately two million Americans are included in this deprived and neglected group. The National Advisory Committee on Farm Labor is convinced that the conscience of an adequately informed American people will not continue to tolerate the conditions presented in this carefully documented study."

## School bonds hit

Sales of school bonds have decreased 20 percent in the last year, according to Secretary Arthur Flemming of the Health, Education and Welfare Department. Meantime, the shortage of classrooms continues to increase right along with the growth in the number of school children.

When communities borrow money for constructing school buildings, of course, they must pay the going interest rate on bonds which they sell to get the money. The going interest rate over the past year has been in creasing steadily, thanks to the hard-money, high-interest policy of the Big Business Administration. — COPE.

## 'Featherbedding'

The Sun-Times, like other Chicago newspapers, is acting like a private organ of the steel industry. (Maybe publishers should make public their stock holdings in an industry so the "neutral" press can be properly placed in an industrial dispute.)

The Sun-Times fully endorsed management's viewpoint on the so-called "featherbedding" issue in editorials and cartoons. — Chicago Federation News.

## OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .  
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## WRITER DECLARES JOURNAL'S EDITOR IS A BOOTLICKER

The following letter, when it mentions "you two characters" is referring to the editor of East Bay Labor Journal and a trade union leader who is not on the staff of this paper, and whose name we are not including here, as if Brother King wishes to write to this other person he can do so directly:

Editor, Labor Journal:

As an active trade unionist I have listened to you two hybrid, or anachronistic characters the past eleven years; at times you both take a position which is heart-warming and encouraging to anyone interested to the advancement of the working people. Then you both "knock it all into a cocked hat" by that twentieth century form or method of licking your master's boots; namely bootlicking by redbaiting.

Have either of you failed to notice that regardless of how much you stand up and shout "I am an anti-communist" or "get Bridges and those Commies, but be nice to us" our capitalist masters do not treat you nicely and never will.

When you, Burgess, go off on a bootlicking splurge of denouncing Bridges it makes me want to vomit. You have been in the trade union movement long enough to know that licking the master's boot is a wasted gesture. The labor hating forces of our country hate phoney labor unionists just as bad as sincere unionists.

Aside from that it is sad affair that you do not recognize the first basic principle of man's struggle to attain freedom; that is the basic right for every one to absolute intellectual freedom; the right to believe that socialism is a better economic system for the people or conversely, the right to believe that every person is entitled to a voice in determining the conditions under which he works and lives, or the other side of the controversy which holds that by running faster than your fellow worker, and working harder, everyone is benefited.

In your issue of November 20 your obeisance to your master took the form of a very militant attack on "the commie fifth column", etc.

Had your Journal been in existence nineteen hundred years ago you surely would have been an anti-Christian just as vociferously as you are anti-communist today, because that was the popular side then.

Aldous Huxley stated, "some people go through life on their hands and knees, but their bite is just as venomous as from people who stand upright; but from this position they are in a better position to lick the boots of the powerful and affluent, and to snip at the heels of the wretched and defenseless", or words very similar; undoubtedly he was referring to the mid twentieth century red-baiters. If there is anything more nauseating I have never witnessed it. Denouncing "reds" is just as safe as denouncing Christians was nineteen centuries ago.

I suppose that besides striving to win the affection of the employing interests, you get a psychological satisfaction out of making these fearless attacks (upon a group whom you know there is no danger of anyone defending).

With great disgust,  
Fraternally,  
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